Help for ostomates

By BARB JOY

The newly-organized Halton-Peel chapter of the United Ostomy Association invites all ostomates to their meetings held the last Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m. at Trinity United Church, 191 Sewell Dr., Oakville.

At its first meeting in October, 36 attended and 18 later called Di Bracken, the chapter's president (844-6762).

"The youngest coming from the area we cover which includes Mississauga and Milton, was nine years old," she said.

The purpose of the Halton-Peel Ostomy Association is "to reach, aid and educate all persons who require help in the emotional acceptance and physical management of their ostomy. It is our

goal to help ostomates return to productive lives after surgery and attain and maintain optimum 'ostomy health'.

With 1.5 million ostomates in North America and 100,000 ostomy surgeries being performed annually, it is estimated that 400 new operations are done each year in local hospitals.

Simply stated an ostomy operation removes part or all of the bowel, sometimes the colon and, if necessary, the rectum as well. Part of the intestine is pulled through the abdominal wall, culminating in a stoma or opening through which waste is eliminated into a

Bracken said an ileostomy removes all the bowel while a colostomy

removes part of it.

No one knows what causes the illness, but apparently diet, lifestyle and stress have something to do with it, said Ms. Bracken. Fund-raising for research is being carried on in the United States but Canadian chapters are chiefly concerned with imparting information and offering support to ostomates.

What are the symptoms of the illness?

"You know when you have it," Ms. Bracken emphatically stated. "With me,

it started with diarrhoea and my stomach swelled because the bowel kept expanding with the disease. I was passing blood with the diarrhoea. After a week, I knew I had colitis."

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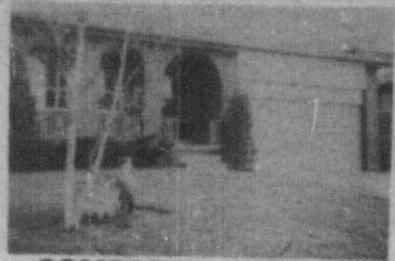
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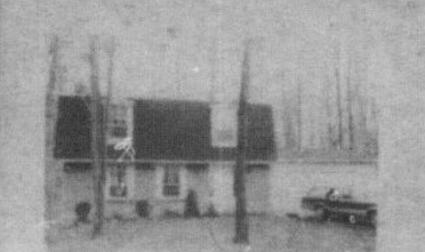
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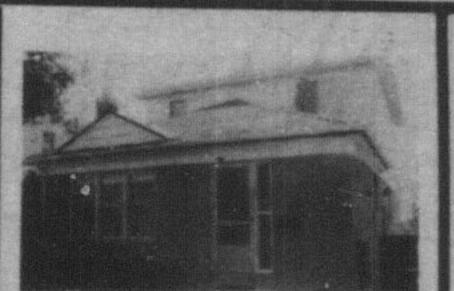
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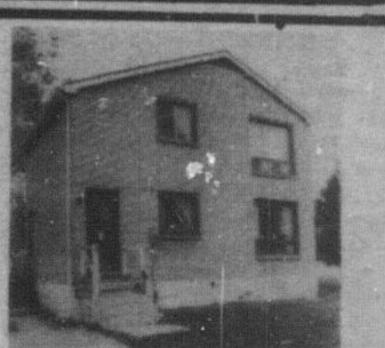
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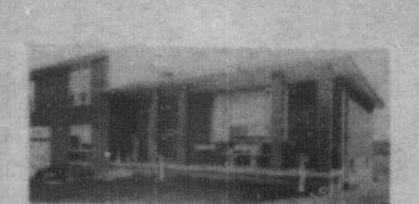
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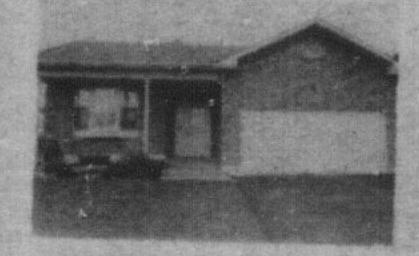
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